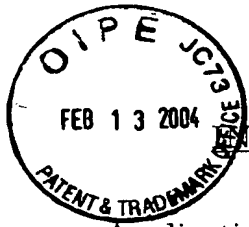


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WITH BATTERY AND CAPACITOR

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2)
TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2), Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issuance in order to consider a Request for Continued Examination filed February 6, 2004.

In the above-identified application, the issue fee was paid on January 8, 2004. Thereafter, Applicants received a Search Report in a foreign counterpart application from the European Patent Office dated January 23, 2004, which enclosed several references. In order to have those references considered in the above-identified application, Applicants filed a Request for Continued

Examination, along with an Information Disclosure Statement on February 6,

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2004. Copies of the RCE application, Information Disclosure Statement, European Search Report, PTO-1449 Form w/5 references are enclosed herewith. Additionally, a copy of the postcard date stamped by the U.S. Patent Office on February 6, 2004 is also enclosed herewith.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2), Applicants now hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issuance in order to have the Request for Continued Examination and the Information Disclosure Statement submitted therewith considered by the Office.

Applicants submit the above explanation provides good and sufficient reasons for why the withdrawal of the application from issuance is necessary, that is, in order to have the prior art cited from the European Search Report considered in the U.S. examination.

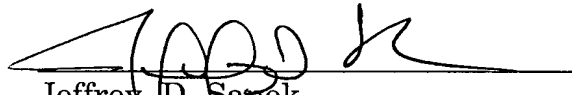
The petition fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is also submitted herewith.

If there are any questions regarding this Petition or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381AS/50354).

Respectfully submitted,

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